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1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-134045, published May 9, 2003, with English abstract.
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-152626, published May 23, 2003, with English abstract.

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3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-152794, published May 23, 2003, with English abstract.
4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-241799, published August 29, 2003, with English abstract.
5. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-244676, published August 29, 2003, with English abstract.
6. International Patent Publication No. 03/071801, published August 28, 2003.
7. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-295608, published October 20, 2000, with English abstract.
8. Japanese Patent Publication No. 05-103214, published April 23, 1993, with English abstract.
9. Japanese Patent Publication No. 06-339130, published December 6, 1994, with English abstract.
10. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-152544, published May 23, 2003, with English abstract.
11. European Patent Publication No. 1 311 125, published May 14, 2003.
12. European Patent Publication No. 1 355 473, published October 22, 2003.

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